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CLERK: (LB) 424, Madam President, a bill by Senator Lynch. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14, at that time referred to the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Lynch, you are recognized to open on your bill.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chairman and members, this is a bill that provides for some assurance for those people who rent cars in Nebraska, that in fact the practice of insurance is...is provided for with the kind of restrictions necessary from a consumer point of view. In other words, people aren't rewarded for selling insurance to somebody who rents a car. They in fact are given the information only necessary so that they can make their own decision as to how they would like to accomplish that. We also would like to point out that as a result of some conversation with a number of people who wanted to make sure that the insurance sold by car rental people would include underinsured and uninsured motorist coverage. Want to make sure that you also understand that there is in fact training required for anybody who works for a rental car operation, so that they make sure, we make sure, and the Department of Insurance is satisfied, that the people accomplishing this at the counter are in fact qualified and eligible to do it. There are some amendments in the way of an introduction to the bill. And since I'm handling the amendment, if it's all right with the Chair, will proceed with that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Please proceed, Senator Lynch,...

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay. Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...with the committee amendments. (See Standing Committee amendment, AM0379, on page 605 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay. The changes to the bill, number one, adds insurance sold by rental car people included coverage for the underinsured and uninsured motorist. It strikes subsections and takes out the sections that broaden the type of insurance that